

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA**

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Replacement of INSAS Rifle
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Indian Army's request to replace the INSAS rifles with inter-changeable barrels capable of firing both 5.56mm and 7.62mm calibre bullets;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereon; and
- (c) the other steps taken by the Government to meet this urgent requirement of Indian Army at the earliest?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (DR. SUBHASH BHAMRE)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a) to (c): A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued for procurement of dual Calibre Assault Rifle in November, 2011. However, as the equipment fielded for trials did not fulfil General Staff Qualitative Requirements (GSQRs), the RFP was retracted in June, 2015. Subsequently, in September 2016, Army has initiated the process for formulating new GSQRs. Different options for procurement of Assault Rifles are under consideration.
